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Shute Will Conduct Messiah On Monday

1500 Attendance Expected At Gym

By Bob Schuster

Final preparations are being made for the presentation of Handel's *Messiah* in the Alumni Gymnasium Monday, December 19th, at 8:00 P. M. An overflow crowd of about 1,500 is expected to hear the combined talents of two choral groups, an orchestra, 4 soloists, and two accompanists.

One hundred and fifty voices from the Hamilton College Choir and the Utica Oratorio Society will blendl to render the Christmas section of the oratorio. An orchestral group and the new Baldwin organ will assist the chorus and soloists under the direction of Professor Berrian Shute. Among several Hill residents will play in the orchestra are Professor G. Harvey Cameron and Fred Miller who will play cello, Professor Max Schoen who will play viola and Eric Selch who will play double bass.

Soloists for the work have been secured in New York by Professor Shute. Miss Biruta Ramoska and Miss Sandra Warfield will sing the soprano arias, and Harold Borden tenor, and Warren Galjour, baritone, will carry the men's solos. Critical acclaim for Miss Ramoska comes from the New York Times, which has stated that she has clear tones with pure intonation. Warren Galjour has been singled out personally by the noted conductor Dimitri Mitropoulos for his singing talents. Harold Borden received praise from the New York Times for his ability to interpret his arias well.

Professor Shute has gone to great length to gring these performers to the Hill. They are familiar with the music and, according to Professor Shute, will bring new, fresh voices

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Hill Debaters First In Colgate Tourney

The Hamilton College Debate team opposing Colgate University, Utica College and Albany State Teachers' College, placed first in a 14-round debate tournament at Colgate, Saturday.

Discussing the question of whether America's basic non-agricultural industries should be nationalized, the Hamilton teams consisted of the following men: Edson Beckwith, Louis Contiguglia, Robert Contiguglia, Charles Frisbee, Robert Fleissner, Dan Gray, Richard Hogan, Carl Peterson, Stewart Robinson, Ed Rosenthal, George Silvernell and Peter Singer.

At the University of Vermont, November 19, the Hamilton team faced debate squads from 40 north eastern colleges and achieved sixth place at the end of the conference. Hamilton debaters at this tournament were Sig Hellman, Jack Mahon, Connie Ring, Stewart Robinson, Peter Singer, William Wehmeyer, Murray Drabkin and Francis Musselman. Musselman and Drabkin were undefeated at the tournament. On December 17, two teams, consisting of Richard Hogan. Addie Keeler, Bill Schwarz, and Ed Rosenthal, will attend a conference at Albany to debate Albany State Teachers College and Siena.

Discussing the problem of atomic control on the WIBX program, *Hamilton on the Air,* Wednesday, December 7 were three Hamilton debaters, Kit Beebe, Connie Ring and William Wehmeyer.

IFC To Give Scholarship To Freshman

Group Also Votes Changes In Rushing

At a special meeting on Tuesday afternoon, the Interfraternity Council voted to award a four hundred dollar scholarship, good for four yearsto an incoming freshman from the Binghamton area.

Tom Gregory, President of the Emerson Literary Society, told the Spectator today that the members of ELS had voted not to support the plan since they felt that the scholarship should go to an undergraduate, as had been proposed and appoved at the Council meeting of October 11. The original plan was altered after discussion of the award with Admissions Secretary Sidney B. Bennett at the Tuesday meeting.

Secretary Bennett pointed out that a scholarship of this sort to an incoming freshman would be very helpful in recruiting applicants with outstanding records; that all undergraduates who need scholarships now have them; and that Binghamton has an outstanding alumni association which could assist in encouraging good men to apply for this grant.

A suggestion to award the scholarship to a boy from an area in the West was decided against since it was felt that the schools in the Triple Cities region could be more easily and adequately contacted by the Admissions office and the alumni.

At the regular meeting of the Council on Sunday night, two amendments, one governing retraction of bids and the other restricting pre-bidding period entertainment, were voted into the fraternity rushing rules. A third measure, concerning the serving of alcoholic beverages during the rushing period, was tabled pending discussion in the various houses.

The changes were suggested by the IFC-appointed Rushing Rules Committee which was set up early this fall to study Ham-

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Americans In Paris Lower French Academic Standards

By Omar Pound '51

Paris has always had an Anglo-American population, varying in size and quality from one generation to another, but in the main consisting of two groups: First, the 'Respectable" Right-Bank Embassy staffs and representatives of business organizations, and secondly, the Left-Bank self-exiles, the Hemingway of yesterday, the Richard Wright of today, and the Joyce of tomorrow. (The self-exiles of Paris dynamised much of the art of the 1920's and 30's through Joyce, Eliot, Wyndham Lewis, Hemingway, and many others.) Maybe Paris' tradition as the Artist's Catalyst draws Americans here, maybe Uncle Sam's benevolence, maybe mere youthful wanderlust—but whatever it may be, they are here, with their concomitant influences.

With the advent of the American Empire the American population here has increased considerably—largely due to Uncle Sam's generosity, the 'Smith-girl-doing-her-Junior-Year-in-Paris', and her male counterpart from Hamilton, Amherst or Middlebury.

The Ex-G.I. in Paris, tired of Puritanism at home, has adopted his own version of Left-Bank life, with a half-hearted shaggy beard which he dared not grow at home), well worn dungarees with the inevitable grotesque combinations of G.I. clothing. This Loki-type attends the Sorbonne as few hours as possible while still retaining his full G.I. allowances. He spends most of his time hanging around four or five cafes in St. Germain des Prés, supposedly talking 'intellectually' with his fellow-Ex-G.I.'s whom he pretends to despise, but without whom he is friendless. He rarely makes any serious attempts at speaking French, and when he does he makes no effort to acquire a decent accent, although when urgent he may be quite fluent. He is despised by the Right-Bank Americans and by the French, and in his turn he equally despises all tourists—although he

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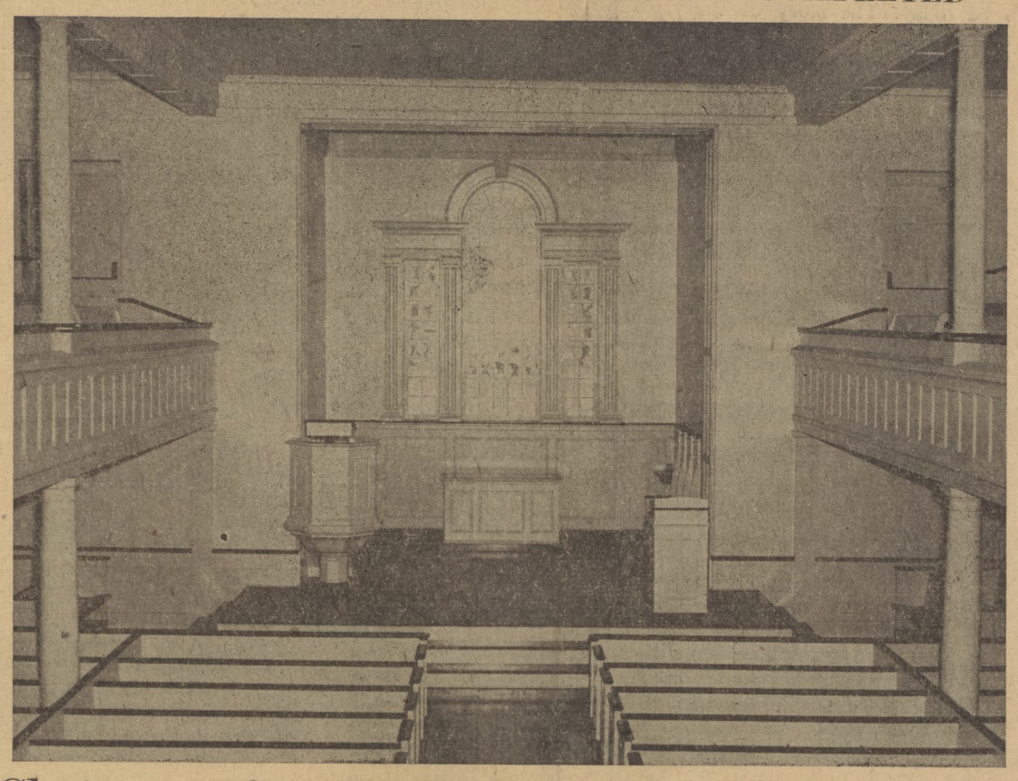
$111,000 RECONSTRUCTION OF CHAPEL COMPLETED



Christmas Service This Sunday Celebrates Reopening Of Hamilton's Renovated Chapel

New Reconstruction Of Chapel Includes Return To Colonial Type Architecture

By Tim Hyde

The $111,000 renovation of Hamilton's historic Colonial chapel reached its final stages this week. The building will be reopened for the Christmas service Sunday evening.

The project, begun last spring, has restored a Colonial type interior which is more in keeping with the architecture of the building. The old seats have been replaced by new pews, which are imitations of the old-style box pews. The organ and the choir loft are no longer in the front, but have been moved to the second-floor balcony in the rear. The Chancel has been remodeled on the basis of old photographs, with the pulpit on the audience's left, and a reading table to their right. A communion table has also been added.

The chapel, originally completed in 1827, has undergone extensive changes three times in the past. In the first chapel, there was no second-floor balcony; that was added in 1867. In 1870, a new organ was installed, and two years later a new furnace, after the student body had walked out in protest over the lack of heating.

John Wanamaker, the famous department store magnate, donated the present three-faced clock in 1877, requiring the second major operation on the chapel. Then in 1896, the apse at the west end was constructed, and all classrooms removed from the first-floor level.

Electric lights were the next innovation, in 1907. The stained glass windows installed under President M. W. Stryker were removed in World War II. One unfortunate aspect, historically speaking, of the present remodeling, has been the removal of the former bell-room, in which were carved the names of students who rang the bell for 24 hours on V-E day.

Other changes made during the past six months include the plastering of the ceiling, and the painting of the woodwork an ivory color. New lighting has also been installed, set into the ceiling to give a subdued, almost indirect, effect. These lights can be controlled by a rheostat for the proper effect.

A choir room has been constructed on the third floor, with a stairway outside the chapel proper, although the stairs to the balcony are now inside. A vestry has been built in the space stairs.

Unfortunately, the organ will not be ready for the service Sunday night. It is being made over, and is not expected to be available for use until March. Until then, a small electric organ will be used for the services.

The chapel is one of the three three-story chapels remaining in service in the United States today.

Frys Leave PX; Couple's Job Open

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Fry have resigned their post as managers of the backroom P.X., Harry A. Morris, Manager of the Hall of Commons, announced early this week.

The Frys who had been in charge of the backroom since late in August, stated that they were forced to leave due to the long hours required and also to the distance they had to travel each day from their home in Whitesboro.

Until the holidays the backroom will be kept open by student help. Mr. Morris said that he hoped to have another couple ready to take over the job following the Christmas recess.

H. E. Luccock Will Preach Sunday Night

By Tim Hyde

Reverend Halford E. Luccock, Professor of homilectics at the Yale University Divinity School, will deliver the first sermon in the renovated chapel this Sunday evening. The actual dedication of the chapel will be delayed until next June, when alumni can be present.

Reverend Luccock is a well-known author, in addition to having served as pastor in such famous churches as St. Andrew's in New Haven. He received his A.B. from Northwestern in 1906; a B.D. at the Union Theological Seminary in 1909; his M.A. at Columbia in the same year; and obtained his D.D. from Syracuse in 1924. He has also received a Litt. D. from Allegheny, and D.D.'s from Wesleyan and the University of Vermont.

Ordained into the Methodist ministry in 1910, Dr. Luccock was pastor of the Methodist Church in Windsor, Conn. until 1912, when he took a post as

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Hill Newspaper Has Reported Highlights For Half Century

By John Morris

On June 7, 1899, the Spectator's ancestor, the old Hamilton Life, made its first appearance on the Hill. The predecessor of our present weekly came into existence to answer a definite need on the Hamilton campus—the need for a news publication designed primarily for the undergraduates. In the fifty years of its existence under various names, the old Hamilton Life has provided a record of newsworthy happenings on the campus, proving to any who had doubted the feasibility of the publication that its function has been fulfilled. From the files and from letters from the old editors, these notes of interest to present-day students have been picked, to show the variety of happenings reported by members of the staff.

Only a few issues were published in 1899. One of the early editorials dealt with an attempt on the part of the newly elected members of one of the honorary societies to prevent the paper's running the conditions of membership that the new members had had to fulfill. The paper ran them anyway, establishing a policy of never submitting to unreasonable censorship. Later, Life editorialized on its intent not to attempt to compete with any other college publications, promising to stick close to its newsgathering function.

It was in June, 1904, that Life championed the attempts by some of the students to resume athletic relations with Syracuse University. In the words of the editor, "We believe that. . .she is constantly improving."

1911 saw the change of Life's format from four pages, four columns to the more expanded five column makeup then common in college papers. Life, in those early days, was considered among the best in the field of undergraduate journalism, the sports department being outstanding.

Sometime in the first fifteen years of its existence—we are

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Newspaper Observes Golden Anniversary

Past Students Prominent In Journalism

List Includes Former Publication Writers

By Bill Schwarz

Throughout their long history, Hamilton College Publications have endeavored, along with their other aims and duties, to offer training and experience in the journalistic medium to students who may, upon their graduation, choose to seek careers in this field A testimonial to the success of this endeavor is the sizeable group of American journalists who received their "basic training" on the staffs of Hamilton publications.

Perhaps the "granddaddy" of Hamilton's journalists is Samuel Hopkins Adams '91, Active in student publications while at Hamilton, Mr Adams commenced a long and prolific career as a successful writer as a reporter and special feature writer on the staff of the New York Sun. For many years Hamilton Editors have instructed their staffs using Mr. Adams' pointed advice to would-be writers: "The way to learn to write is to sit down and write!"

Mr. Adams' influence in the newspaper world is partly responsible for the successful launching of the career of the most widely known of Hamilton-trained newspapermen, the late Alexander Woollcott '09. While an undergraduate on the Hill, Alec served on the editorial board of the Hamilton Literary Magazine and also as Literary Editor of the Hamiltonian. Continuing in this bent, with Mr. Adams' aid, Alec began his newspaper days as a reporter for the New York Times. It was not too long before Alec's flair for the dramatic earned for him the post of Drama Critic with the "Times," Alec wrote first World War, he served on the editorial council of the famous G. I. newspaper "Stars and Stripes." Following his stint with the "Times," Alec wrote for several years as Drama Cri-

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Date Of Founding In Spring, 1899

By Greg Drummond

In the spring of 1899, a group of students, recognizing the need for a college newspaper formed Hamilton Life, the grandfather of the Spectator. Although two world wars caused temporary cessation of publication of Life and its successor, Hamiltonews, the editors of the Spectator regard this year as our fiftieth anniversary. We take the opportunity in this, our final issue of 1949, to commemorate a half century of Hamilton journalism.

Until 1899, the students had never had a publication devoted solely to covering the news of the college. True, the Lit magazine contained some items which could be justly classified as news, but it was largely concerned with the printing of the students' literary endeavor. It was the forerunner of the present Continental.

Charles C. Hawley, Ralph H. Sheppard, and Richard C. S. Drummond, the first three editors of Life, were the nucleus of the group which founded the paper. As may be observed in the first editorial which appears elsewhere on these pages, they intended to "keep the college posted on all that happens in the college."

Only two issues were published that spring, but in the fall the paper went on a weekly schedule. It continued on this schedule, with extras every once in a while for such things as the publishing of the proposed Honor Court constitution in 1909.

It took the war to suspend this weekly schedule of the paper. Quoting from a letter from R. R. Perkins, '19, "Life suspended publication in the fall of 1918—those of us who

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Dr. Calhoun Talks Sunday, January 8

Robert Lowry Calhoun, Professor of Theology at Yale University and one of the foremost men in the realm of theology and religion today, will be the guest chapel speaker in the College's first services of 1950 on Sunday night, January 8.

Dr. Calhoun, a graduate of Carleton College, class of 1915, is the author of *God and the Common Life* and *What is Man?* and the co-author of many other books. He has received three degrees from Yale—B.D., M.A., and Ph.D.—as well as a D.D. from the University of Chicago and from Oberlin College. In 1946, his alma mater honored him with an L.L.D.

He began his teaching career as an instructor in philosophy and education at Carleton in 1921. In 1923 he moved on to Yale and has been a full professor there since 1936. He has served in the capacity of special lecturer at such institutions as Princeton, Harvard, Colgate-Rochester Theological Seminary, University of Chicago, Jewish Theological Seminary, and Vanderbilt.

While at Carleton, Dr. Calhoun was elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Delta Sigma Rho. He was also a member of Book and Bond at Yale. Born in St. Cloud, Minn., he now resides in Bethany, Conn.

IN THOSE DAYS

Hamilton students once won the Eastern Intercollegiate Speech Contests two years in a row.

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Commemoration

The closing of another year always presents a fitting and worthwhile opportunity for commemoration—a time for review of purpose and evaluation of attainment. We on the Spectator welcome this chance to look back upon fifty years of student effort in what we hope is one of the more vital phases of undergraduate life at Hamilton.

In 1899, the editors of the first student newspaper at Hamilton wrote in their initial editorial column of the intention and purpose of their publication:

It is with no spirit of apology that the Hamilton Life enters the broad field of college journalism . . . The need of a newspaper has, we believe, been long felt in Hamilton College. It is as a newspaper that Life comes before you, and as such it desires your support and co-operation . . .

The intention of the editors and publishers is to make Life a good college paper, not a magazine. Its policy will be free and honest; its purpose, the betterment of Hamilton College. We expect to stand or fall on our merits. It is not our intention to cater to the Alumni of the College, but to the undergraduates. Only alumni notes of general importance will find a place in our columns.

Life will endeavor to keep the college posted on all that happens in the college. Athletic news will be a feature. Because we do not intend to go beyond the college, we can publish news that interests undergraduates alone.

In all things we shall endeavor to take a fair and upright view. Our columns are open to all who believe with us that "Dear Old Hamilton" is the best college on earth.

Life appeared at Hamilton in 1899 to fulfill a need. For, then as now, the college existed as a separate, individual community. In any such group there is a need for an agency "to keep the college posted" on current happenings, to publicize valuable information, to serve as a recorder in the historical sense, to make public recognition of worthy projects, to make the individual aware of the rest of the community. Such is the need for the press in any community. Its need is always present and its purpose is thus always defined. In addition we should note a secondary function of the Hamilton press in its offering of experience to prospective journalists.

And so today, the Spectator still exists primarily as an instrument for dispersing facts. But, as those first editors implied, and editors ever since have discovered, the mere dispersal of facts involves responsible conduct.

This responsibility is accentuated today, when Hamilton's press is virtually student owned. Editors are thus *obligated* to keep the college informed on all matters in a manner which will do the college the most good. On all controversial issues, an editor must become a clearing house for information: he must seek out all sides of the issue, sort the significant from the worthless, draw conclusions where conclusions can be drawn, and present the entire mass of facts in a fashion which will lead student opinion in the right direction. And, in a community as small as Hamilton's, the editor must occasionally subject himself to voluntary censorship and refrain from publicizing some facts which have no conceivable positive value.

Here, the editor becomes responsible to two other groups, the faculty and the administration. He is responsible to them mainly because faculty members and administrators know infinitely more about running a college than the average student, and an editor, if he is going to present facts in the best interest of the entire community, must consult the authoritative source. Fortunately, however, Hamilton editors are always free to comment, as they frequently have done, whenever the interests of the student body appear to have been unreasonably overlooked.

And so these are the purposes and guiding principles of Hamilton journalism, as they have been handed down to us at the end of the first half century. We hope they are leading us, as they generally did our predecessors, in the right direction, and that 1999 will still see students finding a rewarding and worthwhile experience in the college newspaper.

1900 Gridders Rank Greatest In Hill History

By Phil Robinson

Sportswriters for the early Hamilton Life were not beset with the problems of manufacturing optimism, explaining off bad records, or constantly haggling over poor player material and missing school spirit. For in those days, Hamilton wasn't a midget, for if she was a midget, she was a mighty one, as mighty as she could ever want to be today. The story of the great 1900 football team stands as a lasting monument to this fact.

When the five o'clock train chugged into Clinton on the evening of September 10, 1900, it bore a rather apprehensive R. W. Rymer, new coach of football at Hamilton College. Three months later Mr. Rymer's apprehension must have been somewhat dispelled as he surveyed the results of a football which has stood ever since as par for the Buff and Blue. Here is the record:

Hamilton		Opponent
65	Cortland Normal	0
41	Clarkson	0
39	Hobart	0
12	Williams	0
11	Colgate	0
35	Trinity	0
0	West Point	11
40	N. Y. U.	0
11	Rochester	0
254		11

Despite his successful season, Rymer must have had grave misgivings about the future of his life and limb at the onset of the season. His predecessor, one Mr. Sweetland, had been mobbed the year before by a group of Union rowdies, while his team had been cheated out of victory by three corrupt officials. Since Union had failed to apologize like gentlemen, the Garnet was, of course, dropped from the schedule in 1900.

Rymer gathered his candidates about him and went at the job of producing a better squad than the stalwarts of '99, who had fought the fabulous Carlisle Indians to a standstill for 45 minutes before collapsing in a heap of broken arms and cracked ribs beneath the "mass plays" of the redskins.

By the end of September the squad was "in shape". And no wonder! Practise consisted of a three mile run, a scrimmage and signal drill, and eased off with a half-mile sprint. The team tuned up for the season with an 80-0 thrashing of Colgate.

Then followed the crushing victories. "Crunching victories" would be better, for "brutal" is an understatement when used in describing the bloody battles fought by the Continentals during the campaign of '00. The iron men, helmetless, and clad in moleskin, surged up and down the field while the weakest fell by the wayside. To use deception was ungentlemanly and to forward pass was illegal. A few hefty tackles led by Captain Stowell, were pulled into the backfield to add terror to line bucks. Touchdowns were worth five points.

The team overcame a few obstacles in their season of glory: six inches of mud on the Rochester field, and the fact that Colgate's coach had the Continentals well scouted—he refereed one of their games. But West Point was too much. A Continental squad, weakened by the loss of three players, was just not good enough to beat the feared Blue and Gold of the Army.

And yet, the most valuable ingredient to the success of the 1900 squad could still be used in the molding of a 1950 powerhouse. In a word it was SPIRIT. One fourth of the student body attended each practise to cheer. Bonfires and torch light parades were the order of the day. Such was the Golden Age.

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Dr. McEwen Notes Spectator Anniversary

The College is proud of its campus newspaper! THE SPECTATOR and its predecessors through the years have set a high standard in college journalism. In reporting the news THE SPECTATOR is accurate in detail, a matter of tremendous importance in a college community where unchecked rumor can do much harm. In its editorial comment THE SPECTATOR is responsible and independent, a balance much to be desired but often missed in college journalism. While I am no expert in typography, the make-up and style seem to me quite superior.

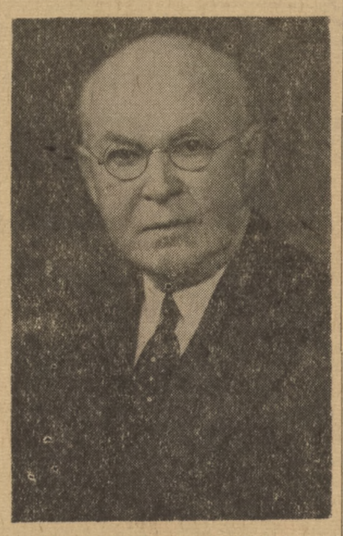
One of our strong departments through the years has been that of English Composition. The general academic excellence of the College and its tradition for superior training in writing ought to be reflected in superior journalism. They are!

(Signed) President Robert W. McEwen
December 9, 1949

Drummond, One Of Founders, Describes Old School Paper

To the editors of the Spectator:

Your very kind notice of intention to commemorate the founding fifty years ago of the College weekly, "Hamilton Life," the name of which has been changed within the last few years, has been received. It is true that I was one of the founders of the publication. I am grateful to you for the request to submit something for inclu-



R. C. S. Drummond '01

sion in the proposed issue of The Spectator.

. . . It is sufficient for me to say that as respects that particular time (1900-01) we who lived in it and were active during it have always felt justified in calling it the "'Golden Age of Hamilton."

In this regard it is useful to mark only a few events—beginning with the induction of Melanchthon Woolsey Stryker as President of the College in 1893; the organization out of the relatively few men attending College of a team that could really play football; the organization of the building program, culminating in the dedication, . . . of eight of Hamilton's major buildings . . . and last, but not least, the reconstruction of the College Chapel interior.

In this time the College became prominent in the field of public speaking thanks to Dr. Stryker. It was in this season that the house parties began, and we added to our activities the full list of the class dances. . . .

We also organized a fine College Choir, and we had beautiful Chapel music—again under the many-sided genius of this same Melanchthon Woolsey Stryker.

Into this new, fine, and brilliant atmosphere a group of undergraduates decided, in 1899, to begin the publication of a weekly. None of us had any journalistic experience. We simply had a few ideas. We recognized that there should be an editorial department, a so-called "local department," and a "'general" field—anyway. In that spirit we began our labors. We expanded as experience and opportunity grew and College and graduate favor was bestowed upon the new enterprise.

Our efforts, fifty years afterwards, may upon examination seem amateurish, even crude. But even with my recollection dimmed by the passing of time, I still feel that we did a very good job. We didn't try to be smart, but we did adhere to the traditions of the College and only now and then "broke over the traces." However, we were always loyal. Throughout our activity, furthermore, we strove to exemplify the standards of good taste that existed and were cultivated in that day.

Richard C. S. Drummand '01

Messiah

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to the work. Their first appearance will be Sunday afternoon at 3:00 P. M. for a rehearsal at the gym, which will be open to the College Community.

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ilton's rushing system. The first measure provides that no bid may be retracted for at least seventy-two hours after it has been issued.

The first of the two 'entertainment,' provisions prohibits refreshments or entertainment at "any time or place".

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not sure just when—Life was accused by some members of the faculty and the student body of being a "yellow journal." To spite them, that year's editor put out a special edition printed on yellow paper. It was also at about that time that people heading down the Hill after a home football game were greeted by boys hawking Life extras, with complete accounts of the game just over. The game had been spotted from the upper floor of the Sigma Phi house, and telephoned, play by play, to the printer in the village. Immediately after the game was over, the extra went to press.

The year 1933 saw the Life's first use of the 120 point banner headline—to announce the choir's coast-to-coast broadcast, arranged by Alexander Woollcott.

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Orlando Potter	49

*Deceased

Americans In Paris

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longs to talk to anyone who's recently arrived from 'Back Home'.

Of course, there are exceptions to this stereotype, and I think the Hamiltonians (from a purely objective point of view!) are exceptions, but in general the American influence on French education at the Sorbonne is serious. From quite an authoritative source I hear the academic standards in the American-monopolized sections of the Sorbonne have decreased alarmingly.

As a summing-up: I consider that these citizens of this American outpost have taken the trappings of the "Intellectual Left-Banker"—and have forgotten to attend to the intellectual part of the title. Contemporary Left-Bank art, music, and literature needs new blood; she's a relapsing patient—but this transfusion seems rather like giving Type A blood to a Blood-Type O patient! She'll soon die—probably intestate.

The Student Christian Association will present "The Razor's Edge" in the Chemistry Auditorium tomorrow night at 7:15. Admission—$.40.

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Up In the Press Box

By John H. McMillan

The usual occupant of this chair was in a sick bed when the Spectator's deadline rolled around eariler in the week. so this writer will take the opportunity to throw out two thoughts for consideration. But please don't cancel your subscriptions. This is only a one issue stand, and Harry will be back after Christmas.

Hamilton students, in general, are a pretty vociferous bunch—particularly on the subject of athletics. All of us are dissatisfied with Hamilton's won and lost record. At times we criticize the coaching, but for the most part, we all agree that the basic fault lies in the failure of Hamilton to attract a sufficient number of boys who are both athletes and good students.

Why? Of course there are many reasons. Among them are poor location of the school in relation to New England prep schools which are often cited as an untapped source of athletes for Hamilton, lack of funds to provide aid to athletes, a one time apathy on the part of the physical education department with regard to recruiting, and finally the failure of Hamilton to be known in the sports field by secondary school students as well as Amherst and Williams are. There is nothing we can do about the first two points, and the third seems to be no longer existant, but on the final point, we students are missing the boat.

The Block H Club and George Tillman, Hamilton's very able Assistant Director of Public Relations, are to be applauded for their work in publicizing Hamilton. But the student body in general is failing to contribute as much to this work as they should or could.

Many boys choose their college partially on the basis of what they think or know of students who are already there. Here at Hamilton we, the students body, have a good opportunity to interest athletes in Hamilton for next fall. All of us have friends in prep or high schools, who have marks satisfactory to Hamilton's admissions office, and can also lug a football or hit a baseball. When we go home at Christmas let's make it a point to talk up Hamilton to these boys. It certainly wouldn't do any harm and it might well do some good.

Coming up tonight is the first home basketball game of the season, and it's a game that could do a lot to clarify Hamilton's muddled court prospects. But we would like to make one suggestion. How about being a little less harsh on the officials?

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U. Of Rochester And Niagara Trounce Hamilton Swimmers

Von Hake, Wood Better Records

Despite losses by identical 52-23 scores in their two initial meets last weekend, the Hamilton swimming team showed considerable promise in several events. Co-captain Jake VonHake swam a one minute 49.3 second 150 yard backstroke in the University of Rochester Palestra pool Friday to break the Hill record.

Present 440 freestyle title holder Pete Wood unofficially bettered his own record with a five minute, forty second effort at Niagara the following afternoon. Wood's old record is still the official one as a man has to win his event and he placed second.

Howie Tobias, frosh 440 freestyler missed victory in Rochester by inchs. Diver John Mayes again displayed the steady improvement he has shown since practice began this fall. According to Coach Pete Dugan, Mayes stands a good chance of improving the college diving mark, the only local swimming record which wasn't broken last year. Free-stylist John Egner and backstroker Dick Howell also performed well in their respective events.

Coach Dugan plans to juggle his list of men and events tomorrow against Union in an effort to score more points. "The team did very well and never stopped trying last weekend despite the difficulties of late train connections, and Niagara's violation of their freshman rule," he commented yesterday. "Tobias and Wood should give the spectators a close race and probable record-smashing performance in the 440 tomorrow."

Hill '5' Drops Two Decisions On Road Trip

Doing a complete turn-about-face inside of twenty-four hours, the Hamilton College basketball team suffered two setbacks last weekend in their first starts of the season. Brooklyn Poly won, 55-47, Friday, because of the Continentals' poor shooting from the foul line. Saturday, losing to Stevens, 71-43, the Blue couldn't connect from the field while their foul shooting was good.

The field goal shooting percentage for the two games was an even 20%, divided into 24% for the first game and 15.7% in the Stevens contest. In the first game, the Blue dropped in only 11 of 28 foul shots, but a night later, countered with 21 of 34, 18 of 19 in the first half with all 18 in succession.

Except for Bill Tank's 27 points, there was little scoring threat and this seriously reduced the Continental output against Brooklyn. An eight-point spurt put Brooklyn Poly out in front at the four-minute mark, but the Hill quintet fought to a 24-20 halftime deficit.

In the opening minutes of the second half, Hamilton continued its surge and took a 31-28 lead only to see Finkernagel and Neiderhausen connect from all over and lead Brooklyn to a win in a tightly-played game, that could have gone either way.

The next night, was a different story as Stevens pulled away after Tom Gregory's opening set from the foul circle. Stevens roared back on five straight baskets following an exchange of foul shots. Gregory was high man with 10 points, with four free throws and three of the team's meager total of 11 field goals.

Ted Mullett played good ball both nights in grabbing rebounds and tossed in 7 and 6 points respectively. Jim Robinson came along fast in the second game and threatens to break into the starting lineup.

Bob Mackay was injured in the first quarter of the Stevens game and failed to return to the lineup, cutting down the Blue's offensive punch.

First Game

Brooklyn Poly	fg	fp	tp
Neiderhausen, rf	5	3	13
Misispo	0	0	0
Skogstrom, lf	1	1	3
Ainley	0	2	2
Finkernagel, c	4	4	12
Hetzel	3	2	8
Erbacher, rg	4	3	11
Mahnken	0	0	0
Chaiken, lg	3	0	6
Killmeyer	0	0	0
Rosen	0	0	0
Total	20	15	55
Hamilton	fg	fp	tp
Gregory, rf	0	0	0
Rushmore	2	3	7
Mackay, lf	0	0	0
Tank, c	11	5	27
Luers	0	0	0
Wood, rg	1	0	2
Galvin	0	2	2
Brown, lg	0	0	0
Mullett	3	1	7
Robinson	1	0	2
Total	18	11	47

Halftime: 24-20 Brooklyn Poly.

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Only Three Teams Remain Unbeaten; ADP Upsets Sigs

After three weeks of play, Lambda Chi, Psi U, the defending champs, and Chi Psi are the only undefeated teams in the Hamilton College Intramural Basketball League. Alpha Delt was knocked from the ranks of the unbeaten Monday night by LXA, and last night ADP turned around and handed a highly-rated Sig team its first loss.

THE STANDINGS (Complete through Friday Morning)

	W.	L.	Per
Lambda Chi	3	0	1.000
Psi U.	2	0	1.000
Chi Psi	2	0	1.000
Alpha Delt	3	1	.750
Sigma Phi	2	1	.667
ELS	2	1	.667
Theta Delt	2	2	.500
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Squires	0	3	.000
Independents	0	4	.000

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SPORT NOTES

According to a reliable but unconfirmed report, Hamilton College's hockey team will play the Clinton Comets this season. Apparently an agreement to this effect was reached at last weekend's meeting of the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference. Neither date nor place for the game have been set.

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Hamilton's Athletic Department will hold the Hill's second annual prep school hockey tournament January 1, 2, and 3 in the Sage Building. About 56 boys, representing Westminster School, Mt. Hermon Academy, Williston Academy, and Monson Academy, will be on the campus during this three day period. The Block H Club is cooperating in planning the tourney.

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The Adirondack A. A. U. Swimming Meet will be held in the Alumni Gymnasium pool March 11, it was announced this week by Hamilton swimming coach Pete Dugan, who is in charge of arrangements for the annual affair. The Hamilton, Colgate, Union, and R.P.I. teams will be represented, while many independent swimmers will also compete.

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Bill Crew, Hill hockey and baseball star who was graduated last June, is now a graduate student in education at Colorado College it was learned last week. Bill served this fall as the backfield coach of the Fountain Valley Prep School, which won five and lost three this fall. During the winter he will be assistant hockey coach at the school.

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Hamilton's Junior Varsity basketball team will meet Hobart's Frosh at 7 P. M. tonight in the Alumni Gym in the second game of the regular season. Last Saturday the Blue Juniors bowed to Utica College's Jay Vees, 43-38.

Utica College led all the way, having a 20-12 edge at halftime. High man for Hamilton was Dick Norcross with nine points. Al Persons and Gordie Burton had seven apiece.

THE SCORE:

Hamilton	fg.	f	t
Seaman	1	0	2
Persons	3	1	7
Farber	1	0	2
Norcross	2	5	9
Fribush	2	2	6
Abrahams	2	0	4
Burton	3	1	7
Abrams	0	1	1
Totals	14	10	38
Utica College	fg.	f	t
Bernstein	3	0	6
Modelemski	1	2	4
Rosenbaum	2	0	4
Parce	2	1	5
Palmieri	1	1	3
Casatelli	3	2	8
Totals	16	11	43

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A vacation training trip to Saranac Lake is planned for Hamilton College's ski team, it was announced this week by Captain Lan Potter. Beginning on December 28 and continuing until the end of the Christmas holidays, the week's practices will feature a meet with Steven's Tech and competition in the New York State slalom championship. About ten men are expected to make the trip. Hamilton's skiers will open their season January 7, in a triangular meet with West Point and Cortland on the Hamilton ski hill, near the junction of Route 12B and 20.

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A good athletic schedule is on tap for Hamilton students this weekend. On the Hill the cagers will be in action Friday night while the swimmers will meet Union Saturday afternoon. Saturday night, Hill residents have their choice between the Colgate-Princeton basketball game in the UFA Gym, and a hockey game in the Clinton Arena.

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Under the leadership of Jack Barton, some of Hamilton's squash players met Monday to form an intercollegiate team. About ten men turned out for the squad which will be coached by Director of Athletics Mox A. Weber. Barton urged any one interested in a berth on the team to contact him at the Sig House.

Batt Slates Hill Practices For Vacation

By Jim Nickel

Warm weather scored a resounding victory over the hockey team earlier this week, and has disrupted conditioning plans that depended upon use of the Sage building. Greg Batt was just getting a good look at his boys, after two scrimmage sessions on the Hill and two in the Clinton Rink, when the two or three good layers of ice were turned into a watery mush by 40-50 degree temperatures. A few days of cold weather were badly needed at last report.

Meanwhile, plans were being laid for the future. Coach Batt was trying to squeeze his club into the Clinton Rink practice schedule for at least one long workout. He also announced that the hockey team will return a week early from the Christmas holidays, with first practice slated for Wednesday, December 28.

More concrete personnel plans were taking form and, although the season is still young, an approximate four line set-up was named. The first line has been turned into an all-veteran group with Carl Knapp centering Jim Scala and Bill Von Thurn. A young second line will be composed of Charlie Beeching at center, and Paul Mosier and Jack Sanborn on wings. Positions in the other two lines are still in a mixed state, for the six men must fight it out for three opening game berths. Dave Nadal and Tim Colt will definitely start as the first defensive unit.

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Hamilton's fencers once lost the national chanpionship to Navy by one touch and one bout. In those years, the fencers used to defeat such teams as Yale, MIT, and Columbia.

Union Swims Against Blue On Saturday

Cagers Oppose Statesmen Here In 2 Contests

By Larry Rouillard

Following last weekend's double disasters for the basketball and swimming teams on the road, the two squads open the 1949-50 home season this weekend. Tonight at 8:30, Hobart invades the Alumni Gym court, seeking to avenge the 60-56 loss handed them here last year. Tomorrow afternoon at 3 p. m., the swimming team engages a powerful Union squad.

Hobart comes to the Hill with four games under their belt, but only one was a victory. In their opening game, the Statesmen drubbed Triple Cities, 60-42, and then dropped successive games to Oswego, 54-52, St. Lawrence, 72-50, and Clarkson, 56-48. In the St. Lawrence game, guard Horace Bernstein hit for 24 points, and he will lead the Hobart attack tonight.

For the first time in several years, the visitors will have height in the person of Sophomore Lew Berkley, a 6' 4" pivotman with a deadly hook shot. Six veterans, Capt. Randy Schofield, Bob St. John, Bernstein, Bob DeMuth, Ash Gale, and Joe Kraus, give Hobart a fine nucleus. Sophomores Milt Chodack and Lee Leitizia and Ev Briczir, Jim Dulin, Bob Jones, Louis Renz, Bill Rosing, and Moran round out the squad.

Coach John Panatier, after a week of hard work on his players, is expected to start Bill Tank at center, Bob Mackay or Ted Mullett, and Tom Gregory up front, and Roger Wood and either Jim Brown or John Rushmore underneath. Jim Robinson, Bill Luers, Bill Galvin, Clint Emery, and Don Huffmire will also be ready to play. The team is really pointing for their first win of the season before their partisan followers.

At 7 P. M. the Hamilton College Jayvees, comprised mainly of freshmen, will make their second start of the season against the Hobart freshmen. Last Saturday, the Blue Juniors bowed, 43-38, against the Utica College Junior Varsity. Coach Don Jones will probably start: Dick Norcross, Carl Menges, Al Per-

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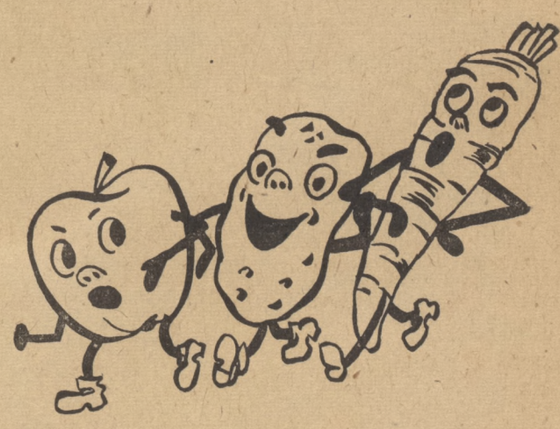

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Gaboon To Appear Next Wednesday

Last minute developments have enabled the Royal Gaboon to revert to its original plans to appear next Wednesday, according to Co-editor Bill Hutchison. It had previously been announced that the technical problems had delayed the publication of the humour magazine until January.

While the Gaboon, which is under the partial sponsorship of the Publications Board this year, is distributed free to all students and faculty members, Hutchison stated that extra copies may be obtained for $.25 apiece. All students desiring such extra copies should sign for them on a list which will be posted in Root Hall.

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an instructor at the Hartford Theological Seminary. He remained there for two years, before going to St. Andrew's. From 1916 to 1918, he was an instructor in the New Testament at the Drew Theological Seminary in Madison, N. J. For the next six years, Rev. Luccock served as Secretary of the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions, after which he was a contributing editor of the Christian Advocate. Since 1928, he has been at Yale.

An altered order of service will be initiated Sunday night to fit the more dignified atmosphere of the chapel and to provide for more student participation. Instead of two biblical lessons, there will be only one lesson, plus one responsive reading. In addition to the regular choir, a small group will form a processional and a recessional with the preacher. Seats have been provided for them in the whole the service will be a little "higher" than formerly, President McEwen stated recently.

A Christmas party for the student body will be held in the Hall of Commons immediately following the service. The choir will sing a few carols, after which the entire college will join in the singing.

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Fritz Battenhausen Lamda Chi President

Fritz Battenhausen, a junior from Larchmont, was elected President of Lambda Chi Tuesday night. Battenhausen, who was rushing chairman this year, will take office at the beginning of the next semester, succeding Paul Langa.

The new President is a member of the makeup staff of The Spectator, the business staff of the Charlatans, and the subcommittee on Rushing of the Interfraternity Council.

Famous Journalists

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tic for both of New York's other big dailies, the New York Herald and the New York World. He also contributed heavily to the nations magazines,, chiefly the sophisticated New Yorker.

One of the best re-write men in newspaper work today is Robert B. Peck '07. Mr. Peck began his newspaper career as a reporter on the Utica Daily Press. Later he held a re-write post on the staff of the New York Sun. For the past thrity years or more, however, Mr. Peck has been on the staff of the New York Herald Tribune and is at present the Re-write Editor of that paper.

Frederic S. Marquardt '27 who recently visited the Hill to lecture would-be journalists on the ins and outs of the field, is one of the country's best foreign correspondents and a noted expert on Far-Eastern affairs. An Editor-in-Chief of Hamilton LIFE while here at Hamilton, Mr. Marquardt is at present the Foreign News Editor of the Chicago Sun.

A Hamilton graduate, as president of Oberlin, was the first man to grant the A. B. degree to women on the same terms as men.

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Newspaper's Golden Anniversary

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remained on the Hill were all privates in Uncle Sam's Army. When the College went back to Civilian ways in January 1919, we resumed publication for the balance of the college year."

From 1919 until June, 1942, Life proceeded in the manner to which the students had become accustomed. "During the summer, it became obvious," according to James E. Metz, '43, "that wartime shortages would make it impossible for Life and the Continental to continue in their then present forms of seperate publications." The two were merged to form Hamiltonews patterned somewhat after Newsweek, with literary and humorous contributions as well as news included in the magazine.

After the student body had reached and exceeded normal size, in September, 1946, it again became possible for the Continental and the newspaper to publish separately. For some reasfon, unknown at this time. a new name was chosen for the newspaper, and it is now The Spectator to which the students turn to keep "posted on all that happens in the college."

Hobart Game

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sons, Bob Payne, and Bob Abrams.

The Union swimming team poses one of the toughest opponents on the Hamilton schedule. The Garnet, having lost not a single man from last year's squad and having picked up two or three good freshmen, dropped Brooklyn Poly in their first meet, 52-23. The Union squad, which twice defeated the Continentals last year by scores of 42-33 and 46-29 respectively, swam against McGill last week but the result is not known.

Hill '5' Drops

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Fouls: 26-25 Hamilton.

Second Game

Stevens Tech	fg	fp	tp
Gerber, rf	2	0	4
Jones	0	0	0
Strashinsky, lf	5	1	11
McCloughan	1	1	3
Straut	1	0	2
Bogardus, c	3	6	12
Booth	3	1	7
Dayton	2	3	7
Von Hollen, rg	3	1	7
Lieve	5	0	10
Downey	0	0	0
Durante, lg	4	0	8
Total	29	13	71
Hamilton	fg	fp	tp
Gregory, rf	3	4	10
Wood	0	1	1
Mackay, lf	0	3	3
Robinson	3	0	6
Tank, c	1	1	3
Luers	1	2	4
Rushmore, rg	1	1	3
Brown	0	3	3
Mullett, lg	1	4	6
Galvin	1	2	4
Total	11	21	43

Score at Half: 42-25 Stevens.
Fouls Committed: 30-19 Stevens.

Saillot Interviewed On WIBX; Calls Hamilton Constant Grind

By Donald Webster

Guy Saillot, French exchange student from Paris University, stated Wednesday afternoon on Utica station WIBX's *Hamilton on the Air* that although work at Hamilton was a continual "grind," he was making many friends and finding his one year stay in this country both pleasant and profitable.

Intending to teach English in French schools after completing his college work, Guy came to America at the suggestion of a former teacher to practice English and discover how Americans live and think. In August, he plans to return home and continue his studies at the Sorbonne.

During his interview, Guy continued to comment on the difference between American and French universities by saying that his work in Paris was always less difficult than at Hamilton because the method of teaching used is far different.

"Our students take up to 25 hours work a week in about nine courses," he said, "but because the work is planned and assigned over longer periods of time, it is much easier."

When asked about campus life in France, Guy simply replied, "There is no campus life for we have no campus." Paris University is spread over the entire city and consists only of buildings for classroom use. There are no dormitories or fraternities because, as Guy said, "we have no need for them."

Guy noticed that one of the principal difference between French and American students was their interest in politics and public affairs. "In France," he commented, "everyone has a keen interest in economic and political affairs. I would say that French students are more mature in this respect."

Affirming that American and French people are alike in most ways, Guy added that he felt another of their chief differences lies in the deep fear of the French people to all matters pertaining to foreign politics.

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Yessir, Boss! Because water-bearing Benex has those bristles so soggy your blade just *whistles* through the *bristles!* And then! Look at the face it leaves you! Could satin be smoother? Daisies fresher? Brother, get Benex today . . . and give your face a break tomorrow! Get it!

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